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THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED
ALCOHOL.

I believe that alcohol, to a certain
degree, demoralizes those who make
it, those who sell it, and those who
drink it.

I believe from the time it issues
from the coiled and poisonous womb
of the distillery until it empties into
the hall of crime, death and diabolism,
it demoralizes everybody that touches it.

I do not believe that anybody can
contemplate the subject without be-
coming prejudiced against this liquor.

All you have to do is to think of the
deaths—of the suicides, of the insanity,
of the poverty, of the misery, of the
loss of the innocence of children turn-
ing at the faded dresses of weeping
and despairing wives, asking for
bread; or the men of genius, who
have been killed by their drink. The
Coronet—Reiman died January 9, 1902,
which contained among other bequests
one of \$1,000 to the Boston Investiga-
tive Committee, for the purpose of re-
stituting Rollie O'Farrell.

And when you think of the jails or
the prisons, of the men who are in
the asylums, under other banks, I do
not wonder that every thoughtful man
is prejudiced against the dammed stuff
called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

Keep Church and State forever
separate. No one who ever
thought of it can ever be converted
from this government upon the Christian
religion.—Washington.

The divorce between Church and
State should be absolute.—Garfield.

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THE POPE

SAYS THAT INFIDELITY IS MORE
NOW THAN IN ANY
PAST AGE.

The Baltimore Sun in commenting
upon the first encyclical of Pius X,
speaks as follows:

"The new Pontiff says the 'dis-
astrous state' of human society today
finds its basis in his awful responsi-
bilities."

"For," he says, "who can fail to see
the terrible condition man is in today,
suffering from a terrible and de-
eprooted malady which, developing
every day and eating into its most
holy depths, is destroying it to destruction?
You understand very well, however,
that this disease is—apostasy from
God."

As I understand it, when the clergy
are making a special effort to rouse in
the simoniacs they paint very lurid
pictures of a few awful strifes that
infidelity has caused, and then fall into
the trap of saying that if they can't
pay the clergy the bottom is going
to drop out of the whole sout going
beneath.

... when the infidels get to feel
good about the outlook and bragging
on the increase of infidelity, they
say, "It is all poppycock, and say they are
more and finer 'chur' her than ever
before in the world and paying bigger
bills than ever before, and that
church membership is increasing fast,
and that the people are adding up
great long columns of figures to
prove it, and say 'figgers won't,'"
which is true, but it is also true that
they are not.

I don't care at all which way they
settle it if they will only settle it,
any way, but I don't think it's fair for
the infidels to say that infidelity is
not increasing, and then turn around
and raise thousands of dollars from
them people by telling
them that it is.

... it is a fearful lack of
and any kind of courage
when the infidels say like out
of Lexington, "We are like out
what in the hell happens, so it can't
happen to me." We all say, practical-

"This is Washburn's 'lookout,'
which is given to him, and if he gets it
he gets it, but the Christians rob him
of it, it's his lot, not mine."

Sombody said of the "Innaculate
conception," that was a thing that
nobody cared anything about, and that
happened in his own family, and that
is the way all we seem to consider it.

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infidels seem to be evolving,
too and getting to be atheists and
algebra, I guess Pius X is right in
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ATTENTION

PRESS-WRITER LIBERALS.

Following is an article which appeared in the Chicago Record Herald of November 1 in answer to one by Caroline F. Corbin, who decares, like many of her sex, that women owe their subjection of equality to the teachings of Christianity.

The Record-Herald devotes a page each week to the opinions of the people under this heading. "Then the Ground of Mormonism," would, I hope, find time to address the editor on this subject, which has been so often repeated that women believe it to be true.

Mrs. Corbin has given much space to her article, and I have views and I cannot reproduce all the points brought up, but the main one is that the sacrament of marriage has been the salvation of women and given them equality. She also dwells upon the fact that Christianity was brought about through the instrumentality of women, and that "it was Mary, the Nazarene who received the divinely appointed Savior from the bosom of the everlasting father and gave him birth." It was she who in her heart and soul was worthy to be the fulfillment of the primeval promise, and through her flower, the world was saved. That Christianity confuted up the world.

She also says: "The homage paid to the virgin mother was one of the earliest institutions, and is proved by the writings of the Catechism with the testing of the Catechism with their crude drawings. Churches were named in her honor in the third century, and she has been canonized and placed his new capital, Constantinople, under her patronage. It was not to this cause of the canonization of Mary that any woman was entitled, but to that mother of Christianity—to that mother that was thereafter to be recognized as one of the chief factors in the world's regeneration."

Incidentally, Mrs. Corbin is one of the active leaders of the movement against piracy, equality for women, death, and the like. She has the right to do what she has the right to do, and I hope to see hundreds of refuted of this foul calumny that deviated women.

H. M. C.

THAT CHURCH
IS GIVEN WOMAN
EQUALITY.

Voice From Iowa Assists That Dog
and Devil Have Human-
ated Instead of Elevated—
Some Questions Asked.

(By Harriet M. Clegg, Webster City, Iowa.)

In the "Baptist-Press" of October 11 an article by Caroline F. Corbin, entitled "Woman's Equality: Results from Christianity," says: "It needs only a woman's head devoid of prejudice and an ordinary intelligence to substantiate it."

Now, I frankly admit that, according to this estimate, I must be one lacking "ordinary intelligence," for I understand that the largest percentage marks after a number of her assertions. I evidently have not read history with the necessary care. I have single out one of these which makes black appear to be white, but if it be true, as Mrs. Corbin states, that "there is no record of the beginning regularized the equal and peculiar graces of women," why were they not made to have souls until the fifth century? Why were they not given the right to the communion until the seventeenth century? Why were wives bought and sold in England and flogged with rods, and a man a master in his manor until quite recently?

Why were women declared to be "the source of all evil and therefore punished much more severely for crimes than men?" Why were they not allowed to sit on the altar and holy of holies, and not permitted to become priests? Why were they not baptized into the church with baptism chosen?—Why were tens of thousands of women burned as witches? Why was abject subjection to husbands demanded? Why was a faithful account given by wives of every act committed? Why were women paraded in a show of nakedness before the royal and Christian visitors? Why were women not permitted to testify in court and unequal divisions of property made?

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Then they bear, and an equal division made of the material goods? Why are the inmates of some of the old world monasteries not permitted to speak to women? Why was it necessary to make a special arrangement to relieve the Czarina of Russia from the ignorance of being baptized? And when being received into the church of the Christian aggressor, Nicholas II?

Code for Women.

There is there a double code of morals which makes outcasts of hundreds of thousands of women, but the dispensing of the code and the law and the fatigued calf is served while the contracts are arranged for "stocking the woman market" to be the royal parasites? Why are the newspaper and magazine editors, who are the originators of wife bestings and murders? Why? Because the Bible, the great book which for ages has been the standard of God's law, has been the cause of God's slaves becoming to be a chateau? "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his ox, nor his ass," etc. Because priests have emphasized the commandments so that "woman was the first in the transgression," that "in sorrow shall she bear a load," that "she suffered a curse," because the man of God knew that only through the complete subjection of women could they retain the favor of their God.

But thanks to the brave, big-hearted men and women who are better than our religion, who are broader than any dogma and can see the need of passing a code of ethics which spells JUSTICE without regard to sex. They are eliminating the cause of the law of the jungle, and are determined to "disgrace to the civilization of the nineteenth century." The Bible mandates and church dogmas, instead of being the cause of the world's misery, have militated them to the dust, thrust them to the lowest depths of degradation and despair, and the Devil, the invader of their persons and properties.

I echo the sentiment of a recent editorial in an Iowa paper—"Let us also be honest and give credit where it is due.

"SO HELP ME, J. C.

I Would Not Take \$100 in Gold for My Dog Fennel," Says the Doctor.

Lowville, Minn.
Dr. Chas. C. Moore, Esq., Lexington,
Dear Friend—For such I shall

your "Dog Fennel" C. and will write again at an early opportunity for me, and you "offer'd your dog a cap," and I only say that

not twice as large and five times the cost. It is a dog a most attractive and interesting working

now have presented it to my son, nine

years of age, and I intend that he

will take care of him. So help

J. C. I. C. would not take one hundred

dollars in gold for it, if it were

possible to procure it.

But, my dear old friend, you

totally forgot to send me the "sixty-

button, which I was ready to goody,

if you please, for an ordinary intelligence to substantiate it.

Yours ever,

CHAS. P. EISSELL, M. D.

BLUE GRASS BLADE

Go into the Hands of a Man to Convert a Man to Christianity.

Great Falls, Mont. Oct. 26, 1902.

Editor Chas. C. Moore:

The Blue Grass Blade sent to the address of William Davis, 411 Fourth Street, St. Paul, Minn., will be with you in due time. I am sorry to say that the receiver of the blade since said Mr. Davis has not been much interested in it, and it is against his reading it to read it any more.

But since I am a new beginner with the blade, I must be allowed to have a harangue to do with, and a question on Free thought will, and then appear. Please ready to receive and the blade will still due and of the cost of a year's subscription, and it will be paid.

Respectfully the Receiver,

JOHN JACOBSON.

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A PRIEST, IN THE
"CATHOLIC CITIZEN,"

Descants Upon What the Blade Said
About the Hanging of the Cath-
olics, O'Brien and Whitney.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 28, 1902.

Dear Bro. Moore:

I enclose you a clipping taken from the "Catholic Citizen" of Boston, Mass., date of October 24.

Seems to me that the Blade goes into some queer places and then stir things like Tillman with his pitchfork.

If you have any more holy rocks left

please send me one.

Yours fraternally,

L. B. SHOENFIELD.

The extract is as follows:

"I particularly deplore the Catholic Church's compunction of the man who is called a 'Catholic monster' who are being hanged for murder. He says:

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